

The Hampden-Sydney Tiger

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“The Hampden-Sydney student will behave as a gentleman at all times and in all places.”

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A HISTORIC RUN: TIGER BASKETBALL 2024



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Hampden-Sydney basketball had an amazing season this spring. The team had a regular season record of 23-2, won the ODAC Tournament, and had the opportunity to win the Division III title. Including the ODAC Tournament and NCAA Division III Tournament, the Tigers ended with an outstanding final record of 31-3. On the road to the record, the Tigers toughed out some close games, made some

impressive comebacks, fired up their fans, and the team most definitely earned the right to call themselves the #1 team in the country. Perhaps the greatest accomplishment of the season was making it to the NCAA Division III National Championship. The game was played on March 16th in Fort Wayne, Indiana where the #1 ranked Tigers faced off against the #13 Trine University for the first time ever, and the game was an abso-

lute spectacle. The Hampden-Sydney Tigers fought hard to go up 25-23 at halftime, but the game ultimately ended with a final score of 69-61 with the Trine Thunder taking the win. Even in the heartbreaking loss, the Hampden-Sydney players deserve to be recognized for their superb playing and hard work on the court. Adam Brazil showed his dominance on the court with a game-high 23 points and was subsequently and rightful-

ly named to the All-Tournament Team. Senior Davidson Hubbard and Senior Josiah Hardy were critical to the offense in scoring 9 points each, and their efforts were joined by fifth-year Ryan Clements and sophomore Shane Fernald who both put up 8 points for the Tigers. A big shout-out to Davidson Hubbard, Alex Elliott (senior), and Chase Turner (fifth year) who all put up 7 rebounds to lead the team as well. These stats demonstrate the immense

amount of effort and fight that the Tigers put into this game. It is safe to say that the Tigers were not lacking in heart. With some more practice and continued coaching, the Tigers look to have another breakout season in 2025 when they can hopefully secure a National Championship. In the end, we should all be proud of how the Hampden-Sydney Tiger basketball team played. Though this season did not end how we would have liked, the team set

lots of school and team records. The Tigers won their 11th ODAC Tournament this season while also boasting their first 30-win season. The success of the team is nothing to sneeze at, in other words. Though we may be graduating some of our Tigers on the team, Hampden-Sydney has a lot of talent to look forward to watching in the next season. Make sure to congratulate any players you see in the coming days, for they truly deserve

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STUDENT EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS

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On February 29th, 2024, Hampden-Sydney held their annual Student Government elections for President, Student Court Chairman, Secretary Treasurer, and College Activities Council Chairman. For this election, around 53% of the student body submitted a ballot, which is a recent high for the elections turnout rate. The new Student Body President-Elect Drew Blankenship '25, the current Student Senate Chairman, is already hard at work preparing to take over the position from current President Tommy Bishop '24. Blankenship is hoping to use his presidency “to continue developing and making sure the Hampden-Sydney Transportation system gets installed correctly.” The idea for the system,

which includes a bus system to and from downtown Farmville, came from Bishop and Blankenship wants to focus on its implementation in order to combat the issue of an increasing number of DUIs. The President-Elect also wants students to know that he is always available to talk about the campus or any issues that arise. Student Court Chairman-Elect Sam Detrick '25 is hoping to use his time as chairman to help “more people actually understand why we have the honor code in the first place.” He wants to ensure that students understand the honor code and its purpose, and don't see it as “this scary [thing] that you're never going to hear about until you mess up.” Detrick has already begun brainstorming ideas on how to achieve this, including a “meet-and-greet” with honor court members for

freshman. This is all working towards his hope that “understanding why the code of conduct and honor code [are] there is extremely important in getting people to follow it.” Student Body Secretary Treasurer-Elect Brandon Finch '26 is already looking for ways to best serve the clubs on campus and is “hoping to reestablish a good relationship between the Student Finance Board and the general student body.” Finch wants to provide as much as possible for both new and old clubs on campus. He also plans on being “more forthcoming with information that [he] presents and how he [creates] the budget.” Finally, the College Activities Council Chairman-Elect Connor Kitson '25 wants to utilize his time as chairman to continue running the everyday tasks of the C.A.C., but he

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MR. BRUTON GOES TO TOPEKA

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On Friday, February 28th our very own Wilson Leadership Fellows competed in a leadership conference at Washburn University and took home the silver, along with some other great awards! For 14 years, Washburn College has hosted a leadership conference where fifteen teams from thirteen colleges learn about leadership and then, through hands-on experience, put their newfound knowledge to the test through a simulated situation of a city-wide blackout. When tasked with a challenge such as this, the Wilson Leadership Fellows were well prepared. The motto for the Wilson Leadership Center is “Preparing men of character for lives of consequence,” and these students excelled in their field. Vinton Bruton IV, the director

of the Wilson Center of Leadership, explained that the conference had two great areas of implementation. The first was the simulation where he enjoyed watching his fellows take on roles of leadership. The second area was the element of competition where, when asked, Bruton said “Make or break boils down to response.” It is in the responses to the simulated crisis that the amazing leadership qualities of these students began to shine. One such example is Connor Eickelman, class of '24, a volunteer firefighter and Wilson Fellow. When asked about the event and how it could prepare someone for a ‘life of consequence’ Eickelman replied “We don't rise to the occasion; we fall to the level of our training. The only way to get better at leadership in stressful situations is to do leadership in stressful situations, and the competition

certainly qualified!” The fellows were given the challenge of dealing with a city-wide blackout due to a severe storm. Each was given a job in the community and received updates on their environment over the course of seven hours. At the end, the Fellows gave a presentation on their community. To throw another challenge into the fray, however, there was also a spy in every group who would distribute “secret grades” throughout the event. In the end, the Wilson Fellows were able to get second place in the competition alongside other awards like the Emerging Leader Award and the Collaboration Award. These awards make one thing clear: with the help of the Wilson Center, Hampden-Sydney will never be short on spectacular leaders.

NEWS

CLUB ALLOCATIONS: AN EDITORIAL

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Occasionally, a few particularly skilled networkers—especially those in fraternities—take hold of the school’s finances by getting into positions of power and using their newfound privileges to help each other. When this happens, and the club allocations are released, the school collectively suspects a short-changing. When this year’s allocations were released, several club leaders hypothesized that this had happened again. However, the roster of the Student Finance Board is harder to come by than that of other student government organizations, which allows opportunities for misconduct under the guise of anonymity. When cross-referencing membership lists, though, a pattern begins to emerge—especially among members of Theta Chi and Chi Phi.

There was not nearly enough mon-

ey to go around this semester. Still, some clubs—especially the Fly-Fishing Club, Clay Shooting Club, and Phi Beta Lambda—got much closer to the amount they requested than other, more academically-minded clubs, such as Cogito, the Madisonians, philosophy club, and language clubs. These more funded clubs have links through fraternities to the most influential men in the allocation process.

According to *The Key*, the Secretary-Treasurer and President each get one appointment to the Student Finance Board. In recent years, though, the Secretary-Treasurer has gotten three appointments, while the President still only gets one. The Secretary-Treasurer—Josh McCoy—has two of his Theta Chi brothers on the Board. According to a former board member, who asked to remain anonymous, Josh only appointed one of them, switching his other appointment from another one of

his brothers when he heard the President was also choosing one so that only two brothers would be appointed to the Board. However, that is not to say their membership did not affect the allocations. Other brothers from Theta Chi include members of the well-funded Fly-Fishing Club and Clay Shooting Club.

Luckily, the Senate oversees the Student Finance Board and has the power to review and change allocations. This power is meant to serve as a check but also diffuses the accountability for injustices in the club allocations since it is unclear whether the allocations result from players on the Board or in the Senate. Another source claimed that the Senate has not used its explicit powers in recent years, but that does not mean the Senators have not affected allocations.

Senators comprise half of the Student Finance Board and are voting members also meant to oversee the Board

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CLUB ALLOCATIONS: A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

JOSH MCCOY '25
SECRETARY-TREASURER

In response to the recent article, I would like to take a moment to appreciate our opportunity on campus to voice concerns. In light of democracy, those who are dissatisfied with the results of the recent SFB allocations should exercise their right to attend senate meetings and have your voice heard during the presentation of the budget. The Student Senate is responsible for the final vote to approve the budget which is presented in its entirety. In the last year the Senate passed a bill removing the op-

portunity for the Secretary-Treasurer to make selections for the majority of the board, that power was consumed by the senate which now holds a majority of 4/9ths on the Student Finance Board. These members are selected by the Senate chairman and are not limited to Senate executives. It is crucial to keep our campus government held accountable, and the goal is to always seek out the best possible solutions for each circumstance. In the case of allocations, the requested amount is commonly 200% of the available budget which requires the board to make cuts. These

cuts take into consideration that each student contributes \$250 in activities fees. Therefore, when considering a fair share approach, a club with more members and higher participation on campus, will require a larger allocation than a smaller club. When cuts are made, board members who are involved or hold positions in the club being voted on are required to abstain from voting on that allocation amount. This process is to ensure the integrity and honesty of the Board.

LOCKE ON GOD AND LOVE: CAPSTONE LECTURES



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Dr. Connolly specifically wanted to highlight Locke’s view, point out an issue with it, and suggest a specific solution to the issue.

The ultimate goal of these speeches were to enhance philosophy majors understanding of John Locke and his thoughts. They provide context on religion and one of the fundamental human passion: love. Through increased understanding on peripheral parts of Locke’s thought, students can better understand the whole of Locke’s views comprehensively. Dr. Hight’s ultimate goal with his capstone course is to “help teach students to be more intellectually honest” and to “encourage critical thinking” in students.

I asked Dr. Tabb about her thoughts on John Locke’s political philosophy in the context of her lecture and she believed that Locke was inspired by “political change without bloodshed” and “ideological change” through peaceful means. Again the concept of reason guiding passion emerged as a theme in Locke’s work.

I also interviewed a current capstone student, Jeb Tucker ‘26. Jeb has “enjoyed it [the

Monday and Tuesday, March 18, 2024. I attended this year’s Philosophy Capstone presentations. The purpose of the capstone speakers is to add perspective and intellectual depth for the philosophy department’s capstone project, the topic of this year being John Locke.

John Locke is the subject of this year’s philosophy capstone. When asked what drew him to Locke, Dr. Hight (who is teaching this year’s capstone) said “Locke is a giant in the history of western thought” and was highly influential in myriad realms of thought. Dr. Hight has his students read Locke’s Essay Concerning Human Understanding specifically because the work tapped into some of Locke’s broad ideas in a “sufficiently compact” format. This year’s speakers were Dr. Kathryn Tabb, Assistant Professor at Bard College, and Dr. Patrick Connolly, Associate Profes-

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LEIBNIZ AND RELIGION: PHILOSOPHY CLUB LECTURE

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4 PM, Tuesday, March 5, 2024. Dr. Joe Anderson, visiting from UVA, began his lecture on reason and religion drawn from the philosophy of Leibniz to a group of HSC students. Sponsored by the Philosophy Club, Dr. Anderson’s lecture was one which drew deeply upon philosophers throughout the ages. Mentioned in the hour long talk were Spinoza, Plato, Socrates, Hobbes, and of course Leibniz. While the laundry list of philosophers may seem overwhelming to non-philosophy majors, Dr. Anderson’s passion and deep knowledge on the topic made for an engaging and intellectual presentation.

After a brief introduction from Philosophy Club President Ben Jia, Dr. Anderson began his presentation asking one of the most ancient and fundamental ques-

tions in philosophy: “How do we know what is right?” He drew from Plato’s Republic and Meno in his analysis of the tripartite division of the soul, extrapolating from the two works how belief must be guided by reason. To anyone that has scrolled through twitter during an election year, it may seem like belief guided by reason is in tragically short supply.

Next was another fundamental question dealt with in Plato’s various works: How can we enquire about that which we don’t know? Clearly an immensely significant matter when dealing with questions of the divine. Again the answer seems to be reason guiding belief, using what we can deduce and analyze about the universe to inform our beliefs and guide our spirituality. Dr. Anderson puts forth the idea that the effect of belief upon ourselves is the closest we can come to knowing

the truth about matters beyond human comprehension, such as comprehending the nature of God and justice in the universe.

Dr. Anderson then moved to true religion, which he defined as “speculative metaphysics supported by practical reason.” A mouthful of a definition certainly, but one which fit well within Dr. Anderson’s lecture and served as a useful component in his overall presentation. Dr. Anderson believes that practical reason can help enlighten us to what we can know about God and living blessedly. In particular, emphasis was placed on allowing reason to inform belief rather than reliance on tradition and authority.

A number of students attended the lecture, and seemed to benefit from Dr. Anderson’s presentation. I was personally incentivized with extra credit for one of my classes (and the

SPORTS

LACROSS UPDATE:
H-SC vs. OHIO WESLEYAN

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In a thrilling showdown on March 16th, our Hampden-Sydney lacrosse squad faced off against Ohio Wesleyan, emerging victorious in a tightly contested match.

Securing the 12-11 victory, our team exhibited resilience and determination, propelling their season record to an impressive 7-2. Notable highlights from this gripping encounter include Ray O'Brien's stellar performance, netting 4 goals. Micheal Leone notched 3 goals and 1 assist. Ford Burke had an impactful contribution, tallying 2 goals and 2 assists. Although these contributions were important, our de-



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fense won us this game. Offense may sell tickets, but it's defense that wins games, and our team truly showcased their defensive prowess. Thomas Harry played strong, causing 6 turnovers while scooping up 6 ground balls. Without this defensive effort, we might not have come out on top.

For the remainder of the month, our lacrosse team is

geared up for four more exhilarating matches. They'll go head-to-head against Randolph on March 20th, clash with Randolph-Macon on March 23rd, tackle Avvert on the 27th, and cap off the month with a showdown against Washington and Lee on March 30th. Although these games might be close in score, my money is on our dogs.

NICK RUBINO:
FEATURED ODAC GOLFER

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SPORTS EDITOR

Nick Rubino, class of 2025, has earned the prestigious title of ODAC Golfer of the Week for his outstanding performance during the period of March 7-12. His remarkable achievement was anchored by a stellar two-under par 72-70-142, securing a tie for first place alongside three other top-performing collegiate golfers at The Tiger Invitational held on March 10-11 at the Forest Creek Golf Club in Pinehurst, North Carolina. Rubino's exceptional play not only propelled him to individual success but also contributed significantly to the team's performance. His

impressive scores led the host Tigers to a commendable 36-hole team score of 605 (306-299), positioning them in a tie for 11th among the 18 participating teams. Throughout the tournament, Rubino displayed remarkable consistency and skill, tallying three birdies and 12 pars during his opening round on the challenging par 72, 6,925-yard layout. In his second and final round, he continued to showcase his talent with an additional four birdies and 12 pars. Rubino's stellar performance extended beyond individual rankings, as evidenced by his third-place standing in par 4 scoring (3.95, -1), tied third in both par 5 scoring

(4.63, -3) and total birdies (7), and tied for 10th in pars (24). His contributions were pivotal in elevating H-SC to the 25th position nationally. Looking ahead, Nick Rubino's outstanding performance at The Tiger Invitational sets a positive path for the team's future. With his leadership and hard work, the Tigers are ready to climb higher in the collegiate golf rankings. Rubino is focused on improving the team's position, aiming to push them further up in the national standings. As they prepare for the upcoming Jekyll Island Collegiate Invitational, Rubino and his teammates are committed to building on

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H-SC BASEBALL: A SWAMPED SPRING BREAK

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While many students were relaxing and lounging about over spring break, the Hampden-Sydney baseball team rolled up their sleeves and got right to work playing seven games in seven days. The spring break festivities started with a tough matchup against the Shenandoah Hornets. A tough test for the Tigers hosting at Yank Bernier Field at the Ty Cobb Ballpark – Wurdeman Stadium, #1 ODAC ranked Shenandoah battled the Tigers for a doubleheader on Sunday, March 10. The Tigers Battled their first game against the Hornets to a 10- 8 loss, with the Tigers being led by Grayson Harris, Trey Shrock, ju-

nior team captain the Christian Lancaster, and Matthew Arnold at bat. Freshman Jake Moore also added his first collegiate home run against the Hornets as well, an exciting note for the Tiger's future. Sterling Austin, Jake Williams, and Adam Emhoff led the Tigers on the mound for both games. The Tigers dropped the second game in a close 20-15 loss to the Hornets, with the Tigers scoring an impressive 15 runs on 17 hits, with seven runs coming in the first inning. The following day, Monday, March 11th, the Tigers faced off against Hamilton College from New York. The doubleheader clash opened with Hampden Sydney suffering a 9-1 loss to the Continentals. Noah Leonard scored the

lone run for the Tigers in the first game, driven in by Jaxon Masterson. In the Tiger's second game, however, they were victorious 14-11 with the Tigers being led by senior Tillman Butler and Junior Christian Chambers. Jaime Green started the scoring for the Tigers in the first inning, and the runs kept coming with Tillman Butler scoring on a wild pitch in the second inning. Senior Jack Bourdon got on the mound for the Tigers, as well as Jackson Barnett, Colton Harris, Alex Caruso, Ryan Portes, and finishing the game was Alex Fitz-Hugh. Coming off the thunderous win against the Continentals, the Tigers played Southern Virginia University on Tuesday, March 12th in Buena Vis-

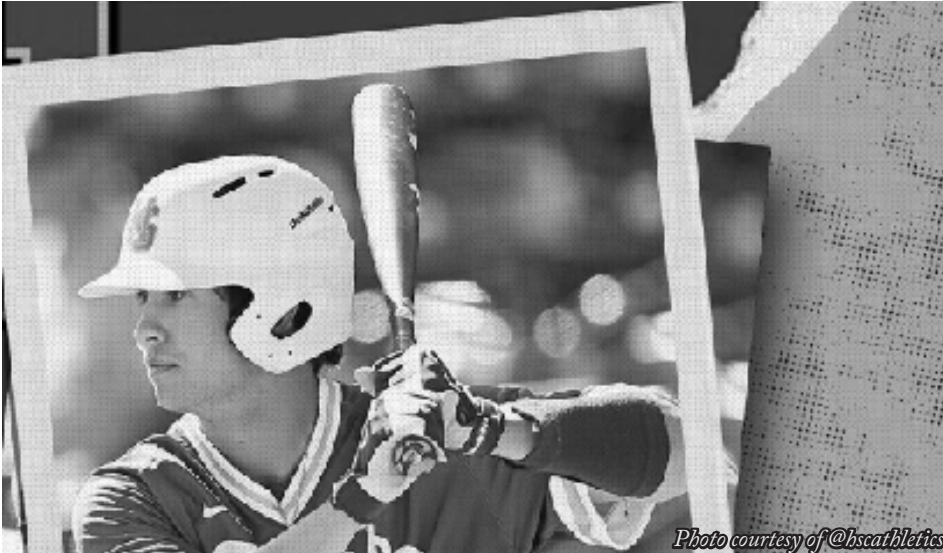


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ta, Virginia. Only allowing one run to be scored against them the entire game, Hampden-Sydney recorded 12 runs against the Knights. The Tigers had some strong at-bat performances by sophomore Matthew Arnold and freshman Jase Howell, Arnold recording two RBIs and Howell with four RBIs and one home run. Jacob Miller-Bopp pitched an impressive seven innings, giving up only one run. Howell opened the scoring with his home run, followed up by Grayson Harris who hit a home run as well.

The Tigers would then leave Buena Vista to take on in-conference Ferrum College. The Tigers fought hard against the Panthers, with Jack Wilson and Jaxon Masterson leading the way for the Tigers at-bat; however, the Tigers dropped both games in the doubleheader at 9-4 and 7-5. H-SC was led by Sterling Austin, Gavin Gregory, and Jack Bourdon on the mound for the first game. Jake Williams, Justin Reynolds, Colton Harris, and Alex Fitz-Hugh led the Tigers on the mound for the second game. The Tigers performed well

but were ultimately unlucky against the Panthers. Although some of the games didn't go the way the Tigers would have wanted, we are proud of them nonetheless for their efforts on the diamond and hard work during a time in which most students are sleeping the days away and ignoring assignments. Last thing to note, our Tigers faced off against rival Randolph-Macon in Ashland on Wednesday, March 20th at 3:30 p.m. Unfortunately, our boys lost 22-5. Roll Tigers!

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some recognition for their fantastic season! ROLL TIGERS!!



The Hampden-Sydney Tiger Staff, circa 1979. Courtesy: the Kaleidoscope

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PEANUT GALLERY

THE STATE OF FRANKLIN: THE STATE THAT NEVER WAS

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In this week’s edition of The History Column, I want to talk about a state that never was. That state was the State of Franklin, which would have been located in modern day eastern Tennessee. Most of the information for this article was taken from wikipedia, and if you have any questions about sources feel free to email me at thorn-tonw26@hsc.edu. We take it for granted today that the United States of America is a country composed of 50 states. 50 is a good number, allowing for a simple 100 members in the Senate and 50 stars on the flag. But historically, the number of states the U.S. had was subject to frequent change. Only within the past six decades of the country’s history has that trend stopped, with the admission of Hawaii in August of 1959 being the most recent state admitted to the Union. In the 64 years since

then there has not been a new state admitted to the Union, the longest period in U.S. history in which this has been the case. If we consider the rate of new states to the Union before this lull, the U.S. was expanding by one state on average every 7 years. But since 1959 there have been no new states, which raises the average to 8.78 years. This trend is obviously an indicator of the changing historical circumstances of which this country has been a part of in the past 60 plus years. But let’s take a step back and consider if we could have ended up in a different spot. It’s not like it was set in stone that we would end up with the states we have today. Things could have turned out differently, and different states could have been admitted to the Union. So what is an example of such a state? In today’s article we will explore just one such example, the story of the attempted State of Franklin. Eastern Tennessee is

an area known today for its mountains and Appalachian scenery. But at one point in the early years of the country the region was vying for statehood (this was before Tennes-

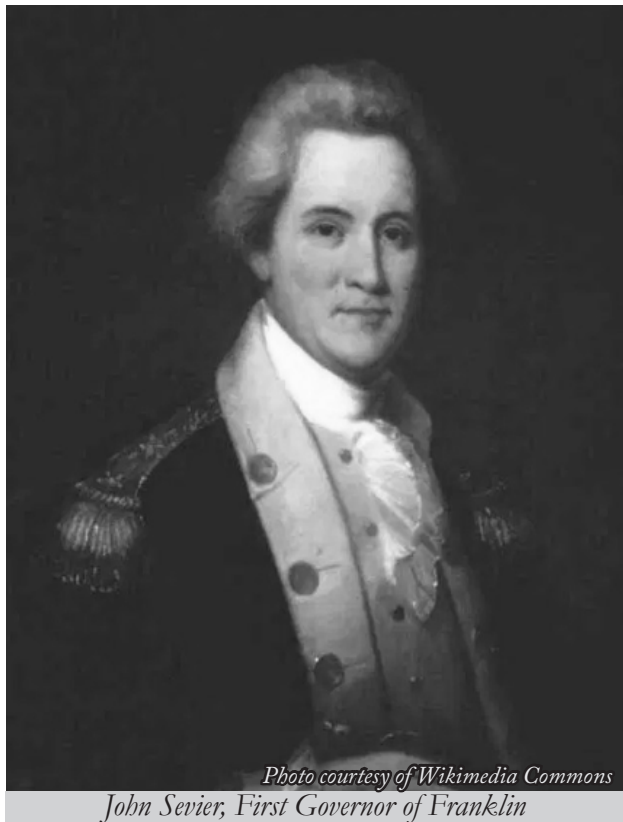


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John Sevier, First Governor of Franklin

see became a state in June of 1796). So why did this happen? In the early years of the United States there was an effort to create a new state west of the Appalachians headed by Author Campbell and John Sevier, the latter a “founding father of Tennessee.” Campbell had wanted to create a new

state out of regions that would become future states, as well as part of Virginia. This was opposed by Patrick Henry, Virginia’s governor at the time, who passed a law which prohib-

ited the creation of a state out of territory belonging to Virginia via the giving up of that territory. This put an end to Campbell’s ambitions, but Sevier reformulated his plans, seeking the help of Benjamin Franklin in his quest to make Franklin’s statehood a reality. Developments would begin in

1784. North Carolina gave up its claims of territory west of the Appalachians to the U.S. congress to help the U.S. pay off its Revolutionary War debt. The U.S. was hesitant to accept the territory, however, and two years later North Carolina rescinded its previous cession and reclaimed the area. There were some issues with this though, as some of the settlers living there were unhappy with how North Carolina had been managing things. When North Carolina had given up the territory to the U.S., this had in effect left the settlers abandoned to fight against the Indians in the region on their own. Ultimately those who were living there decided to secede from North Carolina and in August of 1784 they proclaimed the State of Franklin. Franklin’s first capital was at Jonesborough, in modern day Washington county, Tennessee. The “state” seemed fairly legit, with its own governor, the pre-

viously mentioned John Sevier, a senate, house of representatives, and a court. Franklin would later send a delegation to congress, and in May 1785 the delegation submitted a statehood petition. Seven states actually voted in favor of the petition, but this was not enough for statehood. With this failed attempt in hand, the region acted fairly autonomously afterwards. The capital would move to Greeneville and had its first legislative meeting there in December of 1785. A constitution was adopted and a flag commission proposed, yet not carried out. The Greeneville government also arranged peace with some of the Indians in the area. The tides would turn in 1786 however, as North Carolina began to reassert its authority in the area causing some former Franklin supporters to change allegiances. As mentioned the first capital was in Jonesborough, but this was also the lo-

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2024 US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION: THE VP DRAFT PICK

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While H-SC students were using their spring break to relax and have some fun, candidates were on the run looking through their draft picks for potential running mates. Presidential candidate Donald Trump has dropped presidential hopeful Vivek Ramaswamy from

this draft picks for potential Vice president candidates; however, Trump is still considering Ramaswamy for other positions, including Homeland Security secretary. The reasoning could be because of Ramaswamy’s immigrant family background, which could “neutralize” criticisms of heavy immigration measures. As the days

get longer, so does Trump’s list, with his potential draft picks including South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem, Representative Elise Stefanik, Senator Tim Scott, and most recently, Texas Governor Greg Abbott. On the other side of the political aisle, Biden remains stalwart as columnists have urged him to drop Kamala Harris as his VP pick as a

strategy to be more “electable.” Suppose Biden ignores pleas from fellow Democrats to not run again for the presidential election. In that case, several columnists have devised a backup plan to replace Biden’s current VP. As Biden’s running mate, possible candidates include Senator Raphael Warnock, Senator Tammy

Duckworth, and Representative Lauren Underwood. Replacing Harris might result in backlash from black voters, as her role marked a significant achievement as the first woman and first African-American to hold office; however, some journalists like Josh Barro believe otherwise. According to his newsletter “Very Serious,”

Barro states that “Harris’s role as a draw for black voters is more theoretical than demonstrated” since she has never had a core political base among Black voters “because she has never been elected in a jurisdiction with a large black population.” Despite what seemingly little value Harris brings to the table as VP, it

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TIGER TALES THE DEVIL YOU KNOW: PART FOUR

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Fritz stared, dumbfounded, at the small book clutched in his fist, a book which contained nothing but legends. Those legends may have formed the early bedrock for his culture’s development, but he himself hadn’t put much stock in them for a long time. The only reason he even still held on to this book was his fond memories of reading it with his parents during his childhood. Why, then, was this voice so insistent that he open

it up again now? You have trusted me thus far, have you not? said the voice. Everything you need to know is inside that book. Open it and see. Even as a scientist, and a rational man in general, Fritz was no stranger to leaps of faith. This whole experience was just one more of those, he supposed. After all, what could it hurt? Taking a deep breath, Fritz turned to a random page. When he saw what was on it, his astonishment only increased—and it began to be

tinged with horror. The image that greeted his eyes was simply horrific. It displayed a horde of slack-jawed, cloudy-eyed figures with gray skin that was rotting in some places and peeling away in others. They stood in the middle of some bleak and desolate landscape, and while most of them looked sluggish and listless as they moved around, Fritz had the terrible sense that at any moment they could come after him with unbreakable determination. They would drape their clam-

my hands around his shoulders, open their mouths to reveal their stubby blackened teeth, and then ... Fritz shuddered and let the book fall to the floor. He didn’t want to imagine what might happen next. He had long ago discounted that sort of creature as purely fictional, and yet his vision of them had seemed so real. Now you see what is at stake, the voice said, with a newfound gravitas. No, I don’t! Fritz replied. What was that? What were those things?

The voice spoke again, painstakingly slowly. There has been a stirring in the nether realms. The undead are growing restless, pushing back against their chains. Those symbols on the volcano? Those are runes, Fritz. And if their power is left to grow for long enough, there will be nothing left to divide your world from the underworld. Fritz couldn’t believe what he was hearing. And I’m supposed to go tell the other scientists all that? he asked. They’ll just laugh at

me! It goes against every ounce of their empirical reasoning! You need not concern yourself with anyone’s reaction but yours, the voice assured him. It is you and you alone who must do what needs to be done. Things have progressed faster than I expected, but we can still prevent a breach. If you act quickly, they will never have to know they were in danger in the first place.

Fritz considered that for a few moments. On the surface, it sounded ludicrous. But how else was he sup-

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cation of North Carolina’s regional government. In 1788 the conflict between the rival governments and their supporters would culminate in the so-called “Battle of Franklin” in which a North Carolina sheriff was ordered to take property of John Sevier in Washington county (home to Jonesborough) so as to compensate for taxes owed by Sevier to North Carolina. A skirmish would break out between the North Carolinians and Sevier and his men which would see a few wounded and three dead, but Sevier retreat-

ed to Jonesborough. The next stage in the story is interesting. During March of 1788 settlers in Franklin came under attack by Indian tribes in the area. Sevier, in an act of desperation, first inquired for a loan from Spain, and then for full out Spanish occupation. When this news reached North Carolina, Sevier was arrested in August of 1788. He would be broken out of jail though, and he and his fellow Franklinians would fall back to Lesser Franklin. And it would be here that Franklin would putter on

until 1789 when the Franklin government would cease to exist. In February, Sevier and his last supporters would give themselves up to North Carolina and swear allegiance to the state. However, a remnant of Franklinites would remain in Sevier county until 1791. Their claim to the area they occupied had only been recognized by Franklin and was considered Indian territory by North Carolina and the United States. Because of this they formed Lesser Franklin, which lasted briefly until it would be absorbed

by the creation of the Southwest Territory. Greater Franklin, though, would be briefly under the jurisdiction of North Carolina and then become part of the Southwest Territory. Sevier does have a happy ending though, as he would go on to become Tennessee’s first governor when the state was created in 1796. Also fun fact, Davy Crockett was born in Greene county while it was a part of Franklin, perhaps making him one of the most famous Franklinites in history.

MINUTE, CONT'D

is ever going to be perfect, but, in order to minimize the amount of mistakes that are made, one must come to terms with himself and cultivate a clear consciousness to where he wants to go in life. In other words, you must develop a plan. Without a plan, there is no discipline for you to operate on. There is no guidance system in which you can function and make good decisions on if you don’t know where you’re going. So, please take into consideration the most powerful tool any

man has access to in his life, and use your will power to strive for your own unique version of greatness; most of all, do these things for the right reasons because if you do, you’ll realize that you will not fail in the end. Lastly, build your life around a core vision, one that disciplines your willpower, and orchestrates the steps that you will take in your lifetime.

GOLF, CONT'D

their recent achievements and establishing themselves as strong competitors in collegiate golf.

TALE, CONT'D

posed to explain all the strange phenomena over the past few days? If the dead rose again, that would be a problem. And science was about solving problems, right? The strange runes on the volcano, and this voice inside his mind—which Fritz now realized had been generated by something greater than his own imagination—seemed to suggest that there was some truth in this whole crazy story after all. F i n a l l y, as the silence dragged on, something had to give. O k a y , Fritz conceded. Tell me what you want me to do. And he listened carefully as the voice explained its plan.

EXEC, CONT'D

also wants to work with the admissions department. Kitson believes “the best way to represent [the college] and to showcase what the school is all about to incoming students is through events and interacting with students.” Having served on the C.A.C. since his freshman year and as the Vice Chairman this past year, Kitson is excited and prepared to work towards the goals he wants to set for the council.

CLUB ALLOCATIONS, CONT'D

from within. Ideally, while the Secretary-Treasurer has the most influence over the allocations, given that senators make up his regulating body and half of his organization, he must make sure that the senators—who are supposedly accountable to their constituency—are appeased as well.

Devan Modak claimed the Senate traditionally appoints Senate executives unless there is an obvious conflict of interest. However, the influential senators on the Student Finance Board—including the Senate Treasurer, Devan Modak, and Secretary, Brady Hillis, who are Chi Phi brothers with the Senate Chairman himself—remove checks on the power of the Finance Board while essentially making it a department of the Senate—which a former senator claimed is intentional. However, placing senators on the Board—especially high-ranking senators—is already a conflict of interest, let alone if half of the senators on the Board share a fraternity affiliation with the Chairman.

This is because, if the Secretary-Treasurer can strike a deal with the senators on his committee, they not only grant him the numbers he needs for a successful affirmation within the Board but they can also assure safe passage through the Senate. Devan Modak and several of his Chi Phi brothers are members of Phi Beta Lambda, again, one

of the clubs that got a large share of the funds this semester.

All this dif-fused responsibility and hidden influence result in significant opportunities for a few key people to directly affect the allocation of funds and pull a few extra dollars into one club or another—all while the rest of the student population is not sure where to point the blame when the numbers don’t look right. This becomes especially dangerous when associations through organizations such as fraternities are involved.

It may not be the case that these politicians are allocating money purely based on where their brothers are, but the pattern of membership and money among these clubs—and many of the other better-funded clubs—is quite a strong correlation to claim is coincidental. After observing the results of this year’s allocation, it is apparent that we must exercise caution and carefully investigate fraternity and club membership when deciding who to elect.

When asked for comment, Josh McCoy chose to submit his comment as a letter to the editor. Devan Modak commented as follows: “When on the Finance Board, we look at everything from the admissions point-of-view, student life point-of-view, being beneficial to the College, and, speaking for Phi Beta Lambda’s point-of-view, their

New York trip in the fall of 2023 was widely productive. That allowed non-fraternity brothers of mine to secure jobs and networking... It had nothing to do with my affiliations but helping the students of Hampden-Sydney.” Brady Hillis commented as follows: “Fraternities have nothing to do with the Student Finance Board. Membership in the Student Finance Board being consumed of members of Greek Life should not come as a shock or ‘breaking news.’ All this shows is that Greek life is made up of those Hampden-Sydney students who reflect the qualities of leadership, honor, and citizenry that reflects the colleges values and traditions. The Student Finance Board is made up of numerous members who happen to be members of a Fraternity. Myself, Mr. Blankenship (not a member of the Student Finance Board this semester), and Mr. Modak were elected by our peers to the Student Senate and serve on the Senate Executive Committee. Per The Key the Senate gets four appointments to the Student Finance Board which is traditionally those on the Senate Executive Committee. There is no conflict of interest accusation here and the accusation that just because a member of the Student Finance Board is also a member of a fraternities have nothing to do with the Student Finance Board.”

LOCKE, CONT'D

capstone]” and described the project as a “fantastic experience”. He particularly appreciated the “opportunity to converse with leading scholars” in the field of philosophy. The most difficult part according to Jeb? “Lots of reading”. He is specifically working on “Lockean philosophy of education in a collegiate setting”. Jeb was thoroughly impressed with the capstone lectures stating that they are a “testament to the caliber of the philosophical discourse at HSC”.

If topics like these sound interesting, consider attending next year’s capstone lectures or classes in philosophy.

LEIBNIZ, CONT'D

need to write this article) to attend this afternoon; Dr. Hight stated he was there “to support the Philosophy Club of course!” Philosophy Club President Ben Jia felt that he learned “Leibniz’s view that volition had a significant impact on religion”. The Philosophy Club hosts many such lectures on a broad range of topics, I highly recommend that every HSC student attend at least one during their time here. Few things are more interesting than a deep look at some of the most fundamental mysteries of our human existence, and I can guarantee you’ll leave knowing more than you did when you entered.

2024 VP, CONT'D

looks like it will stay that way as long as Biden believes she is still “doing a good job.” Shocking revelations came from the Independent Candidate Robert F Kennedy Jr., with Former Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura and, surprisingly, former Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers as possible draft picks; however, after a three-day run, Aaron Rodgers is no longer a contender for the VP spot, with the claim that the prospect of his selection “prompted concerns among donors to the campaign.” Rodgers brought up the Sandy Hook Shooting during a heated conversation between him and a CNN journalist,

claiming that the shooting was an inside job by the government, with the media intentionally ignoring this “fact.” Regardless, Kennedy stated that his campaign would officially announce his VP draft pick on March 26th in Oakland, CA, as new contenders like San Francisco Bay Area attorney Nicole Shanahan and motivational speaker Tony Robbins vying for the coveted title. Only time will tell when VP draft picks will be announced, but with a small quantity of Irish luck and wariness of the Ides of March, some candidates will find themselves the proverbial pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.